



2021 Nonprofit Forum Application

Deadline for submission is March 29, 2021

Please return completed application to The Luzerne Foundation
Via email to diane@luzfdn.org or fax to 570.300.1712

Please don't mail

Average grant size is \$5,000

Name of Organization: Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation EIN: 23-2859500

Are you registered with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations in Pennsylvania? Yes No

If No, is your registration in process? raise under the 25,000 limit through events

Organization Address: 101 South Main Street, Ashley PA 18706

CEO/President/Executive Director: Robert Hughes (Executive Director)

Person making application: Laura Rinehimer (Environmental Education Coordinator)

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Organization's Mission Statement: to encourage the reclamation and redevelopment of land affected by past mining practices.

This includes reducing hazards to health and safety, eliminating soil erosion, improving water quality, returning land affected by past mining practices to productive use, thereby improving the economy of the region.

Respond to the following. **Total application should not exceed 6 pages. Please be concise!**

1. State the need of the organization and how grant funding will address that need: (be specific)
Note: 12-point type, 1" margins to address your responses to Questions 1-3 below
2. Group or population affected: (who will benefit?)
3. How will the money be used? Is this a new or existing program?
4. Include Budget/Project/Program cost and grant amount requested
5. Please include a copy of your **most current** balance sheet

Name (Signature): Laura Rinehimer 

Call The Foundation at 570.822.2065 if you have any questions.

Mailing address: The Luzerne Foundation, 34 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Office Use: Field of Interest: _____

Geographic Region _____ Guidestar verified _____

Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) is a local environmental non-profit located in Ashley, Pennsylvania. Our mission is to encourage the reclamation and redevelopment of land affected by past mining practices. This includes reducing hazards to health and safety, eliminating soil erosion, improving water quality, returning land affected by past mining practices to productive use, thereby improving the economy of the region. One of our goals is to build stewardship in the community for our local land and waterways.

Prior to the pandemic, we were able to teach students about the environment, conservation, and other stewardship skills through activities at schools, community centers and local events. Now, all of our education is virtual. Unfortunately, the need for environmental education has actually increased during this time since most children have had to stay home from school. We want to inspire families to gain the physical and emotional benefits of quality time outdoors.

This funding will help us fill the need of reaching our community at a time when we can't meet face-to-face. It will allow us to create and maintain geocaches on public trails throughout the valley. Geocaching is a treasure-hunting like experience where you use a GPS app or compass to find secretly hidden geocaches. They are an amazing way to bring families together while getting them to have fun outdoors. Each geocache contains items that a person who finds the geocache can take and leave their own item. We will fill each geocache with wooden pendants stained with recycled iron-oxide from our local streams. We will also provide information explaining this with each pendant. Additionally, we will attach "trackables" to some of the pendants (which are taken to the next geocache that someone finds) to try to educate a wide range of people.

Each geocache also has the option to add information. We will use this to teach people about our history, the environment, and what they can do to help. Mini-geocaches will be put next to certain plant-life with information about the plants. This will create a type of walking tour through our hiking trails.

Although our focus population for this grant is underserved minorities and youth in the Luzerne County, our non-profit covers a larger area to include Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Lycoming, Sullivan, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northumberland, Carbon, Schuylkill, Columbia, Lebanon, Dauphin, Montour, and Wayne. As of the last census (2010), the population we serve equates to approximately 1 million people (938,530). The unique thing about geocaching is that the items you put in a geocache will spread to other geocaches so we are excited to see how far our outreach will be.

As technology replaces outdoor education, we look forward to helping people find fun, wholesome ways to enjoy the beautiful nature in our own backyard.

Item	Quantity	Price	Total
Medium Aqualock Hide-A-Cache	5	55	275
Small butterfly info caches	20	7	140
Medium Hide-A-Cache Kit	5	25	125
Tree Hugger Mini Cache	5	13	65
Geocaching Travel Bugs	15	8	120
Oceans Trackables	50	8	400
Reference Books History	5	40	200
Reference Books Science	5	40	200
First-to-find coins for caches	35	8	280
Maintenance Kit	1	30	30
Geocaching Log Pens	50	9	450
How to Puzzle Cache	1	30	30
Log Books	40	9	360
wooden pendants pack of 50	6	13	78
necklace strings	2	15	30
backpacking compass	3	60	180
Maker Kit	1	30	30
12 Month Premium Membership	3	35	105
staff hours	50	35	1750
travel costs	200	0.57	114
	TOTAL		4962

Justification

attaching geocaches near water (which we will use to show environmental issues in the area)
mini geocaches which can contain facts about the area
cashes to hide on land
cashes to attach to trees
these will be added to some pendants to track where in the world they go
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to provide accurate information with the caches
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signifying the first person to find a geocache
to maintain our geocaches that we create
pens that write in outdoor conditions
info on how to create the caches
log books that hold up to the elements
for painting with recycled iron oxide pigment
to hold pendants
for taking groups to find the geocaches and for accurate hiding measurements
for creating high quality geocaches
for creating and maintaining for 3 years
to research, create, hide and maintain the geocaches for 3 years
travel throughout the valley to hide and maintain geocaches for 3 years

EPCAMR
Balance Sheet
As of August 19, 2020

	Aug 19, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Checking	
10100 · Restricted	
10101 · ARIPPA AMD/AML Awards	4,250.00
10110 · EE & Outreach Fund	
10111 · AMR Conference	5,508.25
10113 · Foundation (LF)	4,932.50
10110 · EE & Outreach Fund - Other	7,976.57
Total 10110 · EE & Outreach Fund	18,417.32
10120 · Cleanup Fund	
10122 · Abe Coolbaugh Fund	300.00
10123 · Foundation (AWCF)	17,850.00
10120 · Cleanup Fund - Other	11,262.89
Total 10120 · Cleanup Fund	29,412.89
10130 · Technical Assistance	
10131 · Coldwater Heritage Plans	17,619.30
10136 · Study (Patagonia)	9,882.66
10137 · Growboxx	354.95
10130 · Technical Assistance - Other	5,000.00
Total 10130 · Technical Assistance	32,856.91
Total 10100 · Restricted	84,937.12
10200 · Unrestricted	212,789.61
Total 10000 · Checking	297,726.73
10500 · Savings	24,556.77
Total Checking/Savings	322,283.50
Accounts Receivable	121,928.48
Total Current Assets	444,211.98
TOTAL ASSETS	444,211.98
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	444,211.98